

15 August 1947

Rear Admiral G. H. Fort
Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District
U. S. Naval Station
Seattle 99, Washington

Dear Admiral:

Your letter of 3 August arrived today, and I was most happy to hear from you again. I hope that some time I shall get out to Seattle and actually see you in person.

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As regards [redacted], you need not be particularly alarmed as the forms he filled out, as you surmised, are for a loyalty check. Everyone coming into CIG must take this check regardless of what his previous duties were, and this includes people in the Army, Navy and State Department. I shall, of course, pass your information on regarding [redacted], but I imagine you may receive a call from the local FBI agency asking you for your opinions and recommendations. That is the usual procedure.

With very best wishes, please believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Archie.
S/ *Romane - 15 Aug 47*
R. H. HILLEKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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COMMANDANT THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
U. S. NAVAL STATION
SEATTLE 99, Washington

8 August 1947

My dear Roscoe,

I have a young [redacted]
in about 1931, named [redacted]

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While having dinner with him when in Washington attending the recent Commandants' Conference, he stated that the outfit for whom he works, which is a mapping agency, had been transferred from the State Department to the Central Intelligence Agency.

He stated that he had received several forms to fill out from your agency and that he had given my name as a reference.

While he did not seem to know the reason for the interrogation, he gathered that perhaps it was a loyalty test.

If that is the case, I can assure you that he is a loyal, native born Washingtonian with no tendencies toward the so-called Left Wing.

Hoping that you are enjoying your new duties and with best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ G. H. FORT

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